## **REVISED - FY 2002 EQIP APPLICATION EVALUATION GRAZING LAND RESOURCE CONCERNS** Date: County: Tract #: Name: Farm #: HU Code: Cost-Share/Incentive Amount: **Environmental Score:** Completed By: Checked By: Note: Only one point choice for each criteria. Points are not to be added up within each criteria. NC = NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS EVALUATION PC = POTENTIAL CHANGE NOTE: CHANGES TO EVALUATION CRITERIA ARE IN BOLD LOCATION CRITERIA Points Given Is the site within a Hydrologic Unit on the DEQ TMDL List Provided for FY 2002 Statewide Max. 10 Pts. NC EQIP 10 No 0 Max. 10 Pts. NC Rank of Hydrologic Unit from DCR NPS List for Animal Nutrient Loading 10 Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked High Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked Medium Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked Low ō Max. 10 Pts. NC Rank of Hydrologic Unit from DCR NPS List for Agricultural Erosion Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked High 10 Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked Medium 0 Site is within a Hydrologic Unit that is ranked Low Cost Shared Practices will reduce erosion to "T" within 300 ft of a stream containing a listed state or federal aquatic species, or livestock will be excluded from the stream containing a listed state or federal species. A block indicating a listed aquatic species must be no more Max. 10 Pts. than 1/4 mile downstream of treated area. (Use VDGIF Maps only) **List Cost-Shared** Practices for this category: PC Yes 10 No 0 SITE SPECIFIC INFORMATION Is the site being considered for accelerated treatment to comply with any state or local Max. 5 Pts. regulation, or law such as The Agricultural Stewardship Act? NC No 0 Existing soil loss rate on the proposed treatment area Note: Use weighted average for Max. 25 Pts. NC multiple fields - show calculations on worksheet and attach to this form. '2T" and Above 25 Between "T" and 2"T" 15 At or below "T 0 Livestock will be excluded from woodland as a result of EQIP contract. (must be in CPO/Contract with appropriate practices) Fencing must be cost-shared to exclude Max. 10 Pts. PC livestock from woodland. 10 Yes No 0 Max. 30 Pts. Weighted Erodibility Index (EI) for proposed treatment area Note: Use weighted average NC for multiple fields - Show calculations on worksheet and attach to this form. FI >15 30 El 8 to 15 15 FI <8 0 **SCORE PAGE 1**

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		Points Given
Planned livestock access to surface water or active sink holes (practices addressing issue must be part of CPO/Contract) Exclusion practice(s) must be cost-shared with EQIP funds to award points. If CREP funds are used to cost-share exclusion practice(s) points may not be awarded.	Max. 50 Pts.	PC
Completely excluded from streams, ponds, wetlands, and active sink holes	50	
Controlled access to streams & excluded from Ponds, Wetlands, and Active Sink Holes	25	
No Treatment	0	
Distance of closest treatment area to a blue line stream, water body, or active sink hole.  (Treatment Area = EQIP cost-shared practices or EQIP incentive payments applied)	Max. 50 Pts.	PC
<100 Feet from surface water	50	
100 to 300 Feet from surface water	40	
300 to 500 Feet to surface water	20	
>500 Feet to surface water	0	
Buffer Zone to be installed as part of EQIP contract. EQIP funds must be used for buffer zone establishment to award points. If CREP funds are used for buffers points may not be awarded.	Max. 50 Pts.	PC
Buffer width > 100 Feet	50	
Buffer width minimum 100 Feet	40	
Buffer width minimum 50 Feet	30	
Buffer width minimum 35 Feet	20	
Buffer width minimum 25 Feet	10	
Buffer less than 25 Feet	0	
Will a Riparian Forested Buffer be established using hardwood trees. EQIP cost-share funds must be used to establish hardwood trees (612 and/or 391). Points may <u>not</u> be awarded if hardwood trees are established using CREP funds.	Max. 25 Pts.	PC
Yes	25	
No	0	- La company of the c
Wildlife habitat will be enhanced by establishing wildlife plantings. EQIP funds must be used to establish wildlife plantings to award points.	Max. 25 Pts.	PC
Perrenial herbacious and/or shrub mix suitable for wildlife included in contract	25	
Mix suitable for wildlife not included in contract	0	
Will a conservation system protect or enhance wetlands on or near the site (Practices must be part of CPO/Contract and location of wetlands shown on the plan map) EQIP cost-shared practice(s) must be used to protect or enhance wetlands in order to award points. List cost-shared practices which protect/enhance wetlands:	Max. 25 Pts.	PC
Yes	25	
No	0	
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TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCORE (335 Poin	ts Maximum Score)	